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ELECTRIC HEATER ASSEMBLY

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of all claims of the captioned application are respectively requested in view of the following remarks:

Remarks

Claims 1 through 16 of the application stand rejected as having been obvious, to one of ordinary skill in the art, over Schilling et al. U.S. patent No. 5,496,047 in view of Payne et al. U.S. patent No. 4,282,422. Claim 17 stands rejected on the same grounds, taken further in view of McWilliams U.S. patent No. 4,393,299 or Gossler U.S. patent No. 4,347,432. It is respectfully submitted that these rejections are clearly in error.

The Examiner acknowledges that Schilling et al. does not teach or suggest a fundamental requirement of the claimed electric heater assembly; i.e., that "in a selected full power operating condition ... the at least one second heating element (22) [is energized] at substan-